

HA-1805  
1941  
Bel Air  
Private

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FRAMEWORK FOR IDENTIFYING COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

3. Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period:

☐ 11. Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930

☒ 12. Modern Period 1930 - present

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme:

2. Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community  
Planning

Resource Type:

Category: Architecture

Historic Environment: Urban

Historic Function and Use: Private Residence

Known Design Source: unknown

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. HA-1805

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DOE   yes   no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Robinson House

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 324 Webster St. n/a not for publication

city, town Bel Air vicinity of congressional district 3rd

state MD county Harford

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u>  </u> district	<u>  </u> public	<u>  </u> occupied	<u>  </u> agriculture
<u>  </u> building(s)	<u>  </u> private	<u>  </u> unoccupied	<u>  </u> commercial
<u>  </u> structure	<u>  </u> both	<u>  </u> work in progress	<u>  </u> educational
<u>  </u> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<u>  </u> entertainment
<u>  </u> object	<u>  </u> in process	<u>  </u> yes: restricted	<u>  </u> government
	<u>  </u> being considered	<u>  </u> yes: unrestricted	<u>  </u> industrial
	<u>  </u> not applicable	<u>  </u> no	<u>  </u> military
			<u>  </u> museum
			<u>  </u> park
			<u>  </u> private residence
			<u>  </u> religious
			<u>  </u> scientific
			<u>  </u> transportation
			<u>  </u> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Ms. Barbara C. Diller

street & number 9229 Arlington Blvd., Apt. 131 telephone no.:

city, town Fairfax state and zip code VA 22031

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Harford County Courthouse liber 1229

street & number folio 493

city, town Bel Air state MD

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date    federal    state    county    local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

Survey No. AA-1805

### Condition

☐ excellent  
☒ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Contributing resource count: one

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The single bay ell projects in the east bay of the front elevation. The blue clapboard is trimmed in white on gables and the windows and corners of the house. Gables have a slight return. A cornice tops the engaged square columns surrounding the front door, which has the top 2 of its 6 panels in glass. Black shutters flank all the 6/6 double-hung sash windows and a door in the east elevation. A shed-roofed screened porch occupies the northwest bay of the rear.

The interior, which was not accessible, has living room, dinette, kitchen, and bath on the ground floor and 3 bedrooms (one small) and a bath upstairs.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1941 Builder/Architect unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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During World War II, when the expansion of Aberdeen Proving Ground and Edgewood Arsenal brought many new people to Harford County and housing was scarce, this small house was divided into 2 apartments, according to resident Ted Sterling, a former college professor and dean, now a historian with the Ordnance Corps at Aberdeen. Anne Sterling is president of the Harford County Board of Education. She is the daughter of the owner, Barbara Diller.

In the 1950s the property was held as a rental by Georgia A. S. Fulford, widow of Alex Fulford, the druggist. It passed to her nephews on her death.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. HA-1805

Harford County Land Records  
Site visit, 22 May 1993

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name Bel AirQuadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 375 in the Town of Bel Air, 125' (Webster) x 145'.

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Dr. Marilyn M. Lareworganization \_\_\_\_\_ date 6-2-93street & number RD 1 Box 219 New Park Rd. telephone 717-993-3557city or town New Park state PA 17352

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2023  
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324 Webster  
Bel Air, MD 21014

owner: Theodore C. Diller

1229/493            11 June 1984  
Charles A. Caine and Bonnie V. Caine (formerly Bonnie  
V. Hartley)  
to  
Theodore C. Diller and Barbara C.  
\$79,000  
lots 4 and 5 and east half of 3 in block A of Ingleside  
(plat in plat book 3/28, dated 5 June 1935, the lands  
of the late J. Edwin Webster)

932/678            13 July 1973  
William C. Pickett and Katherine E.  
to  
Charles A. Caine and Bonnie V. Hartley

752/91            18 Aug 1967  
John A. Llewellyn and Patricia W.  
to  
William C. Pickett and Katherine E.

711/445            28 May 1966  
Clarence B. Dehoff and Joanne E.  
to  
John A. Llewellyn and Patricia E.

698/275            23 Dec 1965  
Gerard E. Natarelli and Carol C. of St. Louis County,  
MO  
to  
Clarence B. Dehoff and Joanne  
the Natarellis had a mortgage (698/277, 23 Dec 1965, of  
\$13,000 to Provident Savings Bank of Baltimore)

639/579            24 Jan 1964  
Joseph S. Sheldon and Julia  
Arnold K. Sheldon  
both of San Antonio, TX  
to  
Gerard E. Natarelli Jr. and Carol C.  
owned by Georgia A. S. Fulford who devised it to her  
nephews Joseph S. and Arnold K. Sheldon

339/58            4 Feb 1950  
Edward H. Robinson Jr. and Eleanor of Anne Arundel Co.  
to  
Georgia A. S. Fulford

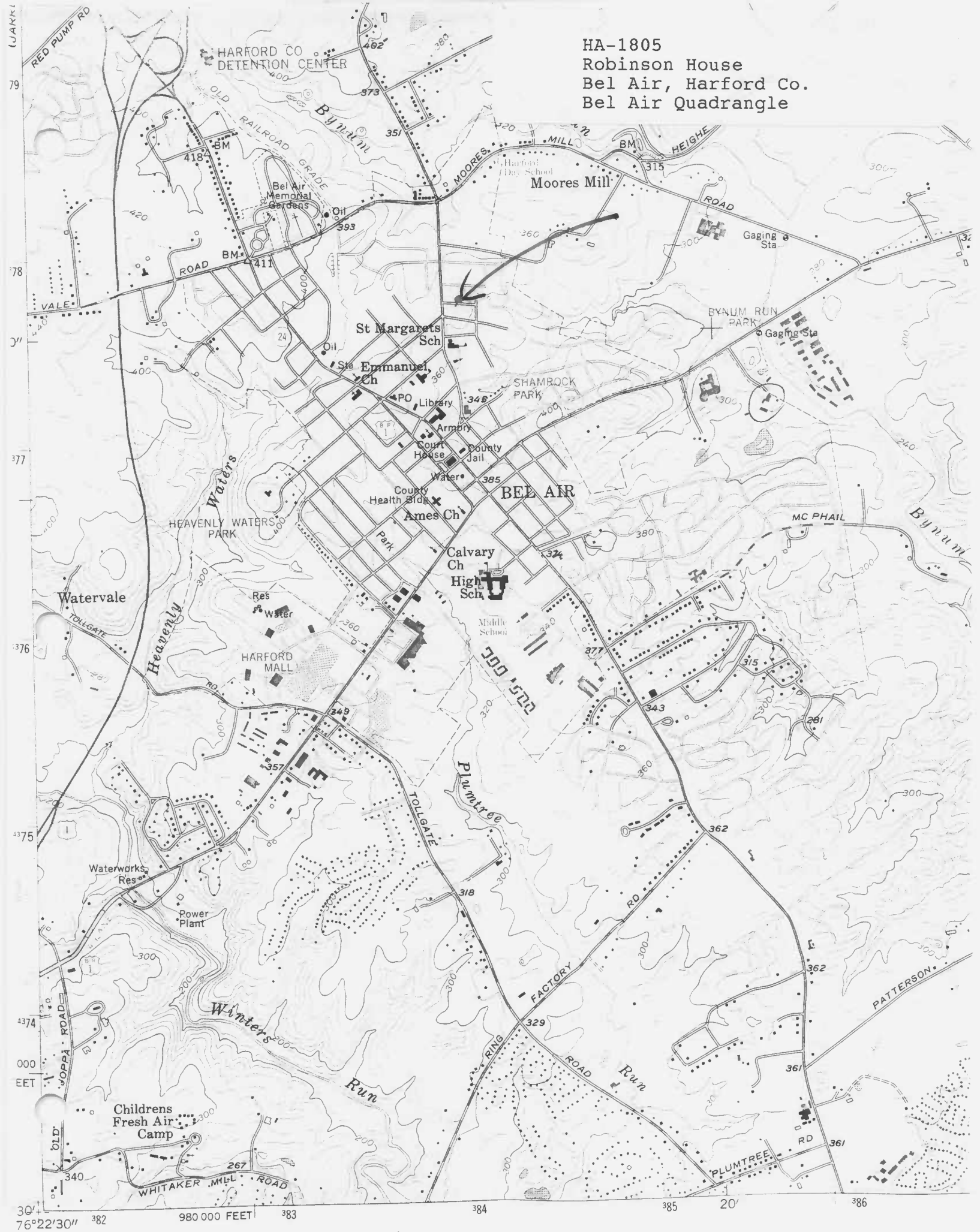
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- 263/24            1 Oct 1940  
Mary Lewis Sullivan, widow  
Daniel and Thomas Leo Sullivan Jr.  
to  
Edward H. Robinson Jr. and Eleanor G.
- 237/302           8 July 1935  
Archer E. Calder and Virginia S.  
to  
Mary Lewis Sullivan, a life interest  
Paul Daniel Sullivan  
Thomas Leo Sullivan, the remainder as tenants in common  
lots 2 and 3
- 237/300           1 July 1935  
Henry T. Crocker and Berthenia P.  
Edwin H.W. Harlan and Margaret H.  
to  
Archer E. Calder and Virginia S.  
lots 2 and 3
- 237/266           part of  
6 June 1935  
Wallace D. McLean and Ada McC.  
to  
Henry T. Crocker and Edwin H.W. Harlan  
who assume the mortgage 222/383, 28 Apr 1932 McLeans to  
James T. Smith and Helen M. for \$8000  
35 acres and the residence property Ingleside. This is  
the Webster place which stood where the American Legion  
building is today, part of the 75 acres known as  
"Majors Choice."
- title to lots 4 and 5
- 273/126           8 May 1942  
Dale W. Coale and Florence M.  
to  
Edward H. Robinson and Eleanor G.  
lots 4 and 5
- 271/486           27 Apr 1942  
Berthenia P. Crocker and Grace H. Michael, trustees  
to  
Dale W. Coale and Florence M.  
trustees in Edwin H. W. Harlan vs Berthenia P. Crocker,  
Docket 3/91, decree 12 Mar 1942  
lots 3, 4, 5, 6, and unsold balance of 2 in block B  
lots 5-19 and unsold balance of 2 in block A, both in  
Ingleside           rejoins 237/266 above



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Bel Air Quadrangle





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ROBINSON HOUSE

25-1-1974

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324 WEBSTER ST.

BEL AIR



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